

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0653-01
Bill No.: HB 195
Subject: Business and Commerce; Health Care; Health Department; Motor Vehicles
Type: Original
Date: February 1, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	(UNKNOWN)	(UNKNOWN)	(UNKNOWN)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their agency.

Valle Ambulance District officials estimate a loss of revenue of \$5,100 per year. Officials state this is the number of patients that would either go by stretcher van or that Medicare would possibly not reimburse due to alternate means of transport available whether a stretcher van is available or not.

Officials from the **Taney County Ambulance District** they would have a loss of revenue if stretcher vans are allowed to operate but are unable to estimate the loss.

Officials from the **Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital**, the **Newton County Ambulance District**, the **St. Charles County Ambulance District**, the **Mid-Mo Ambulance District**, and the **Stoddard County Ambulance District** did not respond to our fiscal impact request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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LOCAL AMBULANCE DISTRICTS

<u>Loss - Local Ambulance Districts</u>			
Decrease in billable transportation	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL AMBULANCE DISTRICTS	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>	<u>(UNKNOWN)</u>
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small businesses in the stretcher van service would expect to be fiscally impacted to the extent they have an increase in billable services as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This proposal would establish regulations for stretcher van service. The proposal would: (1) Require any person, firm, corporation, or governmental entity to be licensed by the Department of Health if the person or entity advertises, operates, maintains, engages, or proposes to engage in the transport of persons confined to stretchers who do not need medical attention. The department can issue such licenses for a period of 5 years; (2) Require the department to establish the application forms for stretcher van service licenses in order to ensure compliance with the proposed rules; (3) Allow the department to refuse to issue or deny renewal of a stretcher van license for failure to comply with the proposed rules or any regulation promulgated by the department. Guidelines for disciplinary action and relicensure would be established. The department may cause a complaint to be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission against a licensee for noncompliance with regulations. Procedures would be established for the notification of the applicant that a license has been refused and for the applicant to file a complaint with the Administrative Hearing Commission; (4) Require stretcher vans to operate with a properly trained 2-person crew. The vehicle would have communication devices, meet federal safety standards and industry recognized standards, and be equipped with certain minimum medical equipment; (5) Require a stretcher van service to provide proof of adequate public liability insurance; and (6) Require stretcher van operators to follow certain

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health
Valle Ambulance District
Taney County Ambulance District

NOT RESPONDING: Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital, Newton County Ambulance District, St. Charles County Ambulance District, Mid-Mo Ambulance District, and Stoddard County Ambulance District

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Director

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